

BRIEF BIOGRAPHY

JEANNE M. BURNS, Ph.D. ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER FOR TEACHER AND LEADERSHIP INITIATIVES

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Dr. Jeanne M. Burns is currently the Associate Commissioner for Teacher and Leadership Initiatives for the Louisiana Board of Regents. She is also co-director of the Blue Ribbon Commission for Educational Excellence. She served as Principal Investigator for a \$3.2 million Title II Teacher Quality State Enhancement Grant awarded to the Office of the Governor (2000-2005) which supported the redesign of all teacher preparation programs in Louisiana. She served as co-director of a \$4.2 million grant awarded to the Office of the Governor by The Wallace Foundation (December 1, 2004 to June 30, 2008) and is currently co-director of a \$3.4 million grant from The Wallace Foundation (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2010) to improve educational leaders in Louisiana. She has also served as principal investigator of a grant awarded to the Board of Regent by the Carnegie Corporation of New York (July 1, 2007 to August 31, 2009) to fully develop a Value-added Teacher Preparation Assessment Model, and is currently serving as co-lead of a grant that was awarded by the National Governors Association to the state to develop a Teacher Compensation Model. These are all initiatives that are jointly supported by the Governor, Board of Regents, Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, and Louisiana Department of Education. Dr. Burns previously taught as a special education teacher, evaluated children for special education services, and served in district leadership roles in Florida and Louisiana. After receiving her M.Ed. and Ph.D. from Louisiana State University, she moved to Florida and taught at Stetson University. Dr. Burns returned to Louisiana in 1988 to accept a position at Southeastern Louisiana University. She is an Associate Professor at Southeastern and has taught courses in the areas of leadership for change, gifted education, and reading. At the present time, she is on loan to the State to work full time for the Board of Regents and Governor. Dr. Burns has published in professional journals and presented papers at over 150 international, national, regional, and state conferences. During the last fifteen years, Dr. Burns has been directly involved in educational reform and assisted state leaders to develop a state plan for K-12 education, create the K-12 technology initiative, develop the K-12 school accountability system, develop the state's Distinguished Educator's Program, coordinate efforts to redesign all public and private teacher education and educational leadership programs within the state, implement a new teacher preparation accountability system, and support the implementation of a value-added teacher preparation assessment model. She is married to Dr. Alvin Burns who is a Professor in the College of Business at Louisiana State University. They are the grandparents of twin boys.

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